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TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** sent messages of greetings on the new year 1978 to **Nosaka Sanzo**, Chairman, and **Miyamoto Kenji**, Chairman of the Presidium, of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party; **Santiago Carrillo**, General Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party; and **Enrico Berlinguer**, General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent a message to Comrade **Pol Pot**, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, in reply to the message of solidarity sent from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea on the occasion of the first anniversary of the publication of the new save-the-nation proposal at a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of our country.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message from Comrade **Nicolae Ceausescu**, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the latter's 60th birthday.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from His Excellency **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy**, President of the Republic of India, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the 28th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of India.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from His Highness **Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah**, Amir of Kuwait, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of Kuwait's national day.

New Upswing in Socialist Economic Construction

February Plan Topped Markedly

In their energetic endeavours to carry out the Second Seven-Year Plan mapped out by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the heroic working class and the rest of our working people have achieved such a proud success as fulfilling the February plan, following their splendid attainment of the January target.

In the domain of the mining industry a large amount of ore and coal were turned out.

The workers of the mining industry in charge of the main target of the Second Seven-Year Plan waged a vigorous struggle to carry out the February plan set higher than January. The workers of the Tanchon District Mining Complex, the Anju Combined Coal Mine, the coal complexes in Kaechon and Sunchon districts and other collieries and mines have brought about a leap in production by giving precedence to geological survey and excavation and actively introducing technical innovation.

As a result, the February plan was fulfilled at 105 per cent, taking the Mining Industry Commission as a whole.

In the realm of the power industry, too, great innovations were made.

The workers of the thermal power stations of our country produced more electricity with less fuel by taking good care of installations and operating machines on a scientific and technological basis.

Meanwhile, the hydroelectric power stations found more water resources, which helped to increase power production.

The result was that the Ministry of Power Industry hit its February plan for power production at 103 per cent.

In the field of the engineering industry a great upsurge was also effected.

The workers of the machine plants in different parts of the country widely introduced assembly lines, automatic lines and combined processing machines in the processes of production and actively applied the method of pressing and stamping, thus contributing to manufacturing better machines of various kinds in shorter time. Particularly, as against the first month of this year they remarkably increased the actual result in major products such as machine tools, trucks, tractors, compressors, bulldozers and electric motors.

In consequence, the Ministry of Engineering Industry carried out the February plan at 107 per cent.

The workers of the iron and steel works under the Ministry of Metal Industry raised the production capacity to the maximum by putting the metallurgical equipment in full motion and iron mines drastically boosted the output of iron ore by giving definite priority to the removing of overburdens and excavation. This led to finishing the Ministry's February plan at 104 per cent.

The factories and enterprises under the Ministry of Chemical Industry properly organized their work and normalized production at a high level, with the result that the Ministry's February plan was honoured at 108 per cent.

The factories and enterprises under the Ministry of Building-Materials Industry handled facilities well, controlled them technically and operated them at full capacity and this resulted in topping their February plan by 9 per cent.

These successes achieved in February are a signal victory won through the unflagging struggle waged by the whole Party and the entire people who have risen as one in support of the letter of the Party Central Committee sent to the entire Party members.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung expressed his great satisfaction at the heroic endeavours and admirable successes of our working class and our other working people who have made a dynamic advance, bringing about new miracles and innovations one after another from the first battle of this year, and he highly evaluated their efforts and successes.

The brilliant achievements made in the fulfilment of the February plan are entirely an outcome of the wise guidance of the great leader and a fine fruition of the heroic struggle of our working people united rock-firm around him.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The whole country and the entire people should rise in the struggle to carry out the Second Seven-Year Plan and launch a vigorous general forward movement to reach the high targets of the new long-range plan."

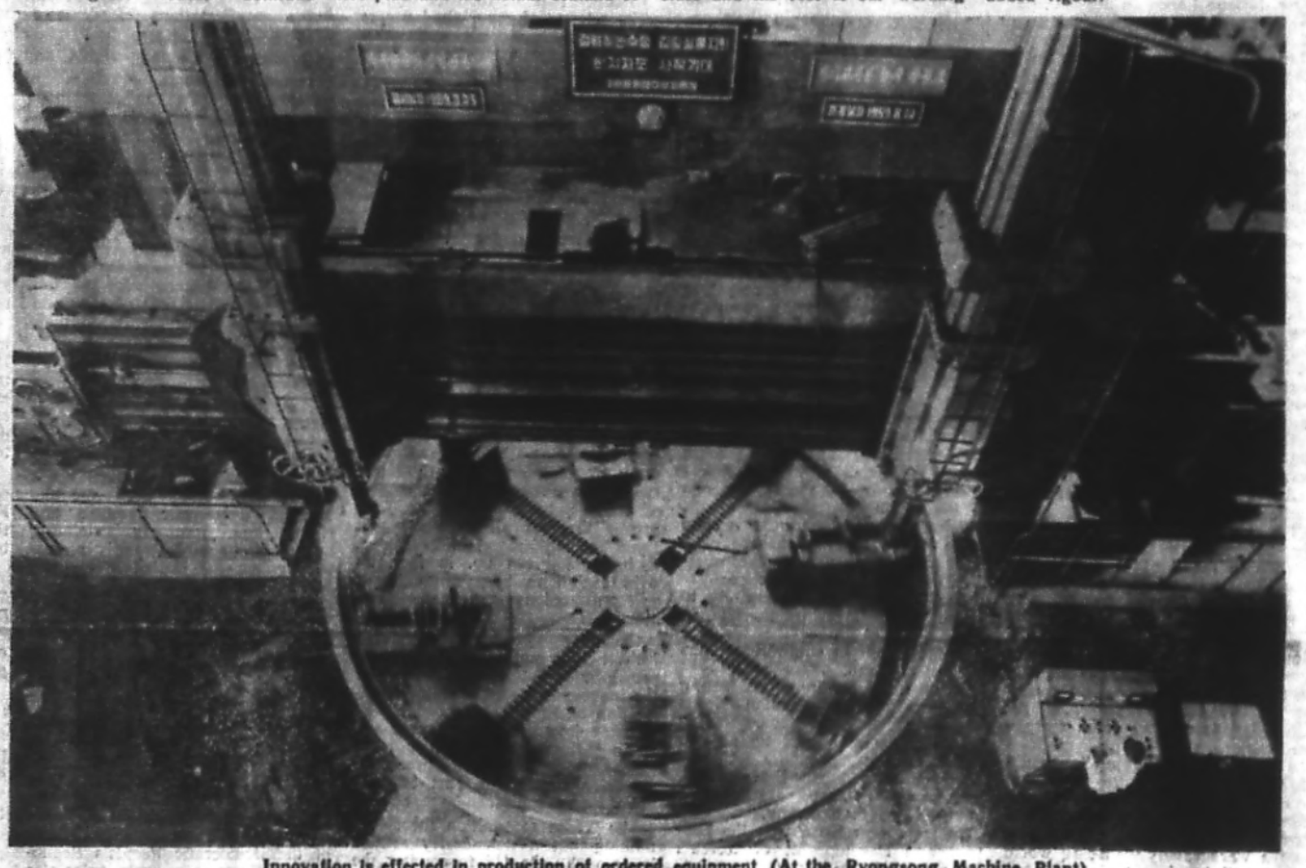
On the basis of his deep analysis of the magnificent new prospective plan and the actual demand of our economic development the respected and beloved leader took a revolutionary step to give definite priority to the mining industry and the power industry. Foreseeing the influence of the cold front in particular, he gave wise guidance so that the construction of thermal power plants has been stepped up and the production of electric power placed on a normal basis.

The great leader found the major key to the fulfilment of the new long-term plan in improving the organization of work and the direction of production activities in a revolutionary way and made sure that the leading personnel in all lines and at all units scrupulously do the economic work with a high sense of responsibility as masters and perform their tasks as required by the Taean work system.

With unbounded devotion to the Party and the revolution and fully displaying high revolutionary zeal and creative activity, the working class and the rest of our working people have splendidly put into practice the militant call of the Party to carry out the daily plan, ten-day plan and monthly plan without fail. The leading personnel and members of the three-revolution teams organized their work more scrupulously to accomplish the militant tasks assigned to them and aroused the masses to heroic feats by their practical examples.

The workers in all units and all fields of the national economy have raced against time, unfailingly overfulfilling their assignments in embarking upon the fulfilment of the new prospective plan. This magnificent reality clearly shows that a new revolutionary upsurge is being brought about in our socialist construction and that the general forward movement for execution of the new long-range plan made a good start.

Now all the working people are consolidating the already gained successes and rushing forward towards a new greater victory with added vigour.



Innovation is effected in production of ordered equipment (At the Ryongsong Machine Plant)

S. Koreans Look Forward to The Day When They Will Be Taken to the Heart Of Great Leader

Recently there took place a meeting of a youth organization in Seoul, according to radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification". Here one Kim said that "General Kim Il Sung is, indeed, the sun of the nation peerless in the 5,000 year long history of our nation and the supreme leader of the 50 million people".

One Li said: Though we are now groaning in south Korea, a barren land, "we are dedicating our youth and wisdom without hesitation to the sacred struggle for democracy and national salvation" because we have the sun of the nation. He emphasized: "As long as we attend General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, our victory is certain. Let's follow the great General and be more courageous on the road of struggle indicated by him".

When one Kim shouted "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" all those present at the meeting joined him, grasping their hands each other, said the radio.

This well shows how deep the reverence of the south Korean people for the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung is.

Expressing his ardent desire to study to his heart's content under the socialist educational system of the northern half of the Republic, one An, a university student in Seoul, referred to the educational system established there, under which people can study at schools of all levels up to university without paying even a penny.

He said to his classmates who could not go on their studies, unable to pay school expenses:

"Respected and beloved General Kim Il Sung, regarding the education of the rising generation as a fundamental question decisive of the future of the nation, has turned the north into a country of learning where all people study, into a land where socialist education is at its heyday".

He added that he would study at Kim Il Sung University, the highest seat of science, when reunification is achieved.

According to another report of the radio, an artiste expressed his longing for the northern half of the Republic where the Juche-based arts are in full bloom under the wise leadership of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

A saxophone player, he is tramping around, unable to continue with his pursuit of music.

When he met his friends, he said: "The 20th century Renaissance is taking place in Pyongyang. General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, it is who brings about the great Renaissance of Juche in the north. Only when the good administration conducted by great General Kim Il Sung reaches the south will arts bloom."

EDITORIAL

US Imperialists, Stop War Clamour And Withdraw from South Korea

A "joint south Korea-US military exercise" dubbed "Team Spirit 78" is on in south Korea from March 7.

Participating in it are huge armed forces—ground, sea and air forces of the United States in the US mainland and in the bases and fleet in Japan and the Pacific region, US imperialist aggressor troops stationed in south Korea and south Korean puppet troops.

This exercise is the largest ever since the Korean war in its scale and in the number of armed forces and combat equipment taking part in it.

This ill-boding military exercise is heightening tensions to the extreme and gravely menacing peace and security in Korea.

We strongly denounce this reckless and dangerous war clamour as an unpardonable aggressive and provocative act threatening our people and disturbing peace and security in Korea and the rest of Asia.

Our people and the peaceloving people the world over closely watch the US imperialists who are openly taking the road of war.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"To improve the present relations between the north and south of Korea and accelerate the peaceful reunification of the country, it is necessary, first of all, to eliminate military confrontation and ease tension between the north and south".

Constant tensions in Korea result from the US imperialists' continued occupation of south Korea and obstruction of Korea's reunification and their pursuance of the policy of aggression and war against our people.

In disregard of the urgent demand of the times, the US imperialists are not going to pull out of south Korea but are concentrating their aggressive armed forces there and kicking out war racket on a fuller scale behind the curtain of "troops withdrawal".

This shows that the US imperialists are trying to occupy south Korea continuously and, using it as a stepping-stone, to strengthen their policy of aggression against the whole of Korea and the whole world.

They have deployed all their ground forces mobilized in the war exercise between the Demilitarized Zone and Seoul. The "landing operation", "exercise of dropping heavily armed paratroopers" and "bombing exercise" that included in their "operational plan" are all designed for simulated attacks against us. This is a naked challenge to and provocation against us. This shows that the current exercise is aimed at making preparations for an undisguised northward aggressive war.

The large-scale military exercise is a product of the premeditated mechanization of the US imperialists to coil up tensions in Korea, threaten us with "strength", hamper her reunification and create "two Koreas".

It is also intended for the US imperialists to give a shot in the arm of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are in a bad fix, drive them into an adventurous war, dampen the fighting spirit of the south Korean people for the democratization of society and national reunification and maintain their colonial rule in south Korea.

Through the military exercise the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique pursue the aim to further increase tensions in Korea and, using it as a pretext, to keep the US imperialist aggressor troops in south Korea, introduce more destruction weapons and combat equipment for speeding up war preparations, repress the desire of the south Korean people against fascism and for democracy and national reunification, maintain the crumbling "Yusin" fascist regime and fix the division. This fully reveals the anti-national attempt of the south Korean puppet clique to prolong their remaining days by hanging on the sleeves of their masters—the US imperialists.

The "joint south Korea-US military exercise" involves south Korean puppet troops, US troops in the US mainland and the Pacific region and even the US armed forces in Japan proper and Okinawa. This shows that the exercise is based on the strategic plan of US imperialism to strengthen the "triangular military alliance system" of US imperialism, Japan and south Korea and conduct military operations in Korea with their allied forces in case of emergency and that it is part of concrete preparations for the execution of the plan.

Japan has offered the whole of her territory as an advance base, supply base and offensive base of US forces for the invasion of Korea, thus virtually taking part in the military exercise.

Owing to the reckless military exercise of the US imperialists and their stooges, danger of war is growing in Korea and peace and security in Korea and the rest of Asia are menaced seriously. Today the entire Korean people and peace-lovers the world over scathingly condemn the criminal manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to divide Korea in two and unleash another war.

The US imperialists must look straight at the trend of the times and discontinue dangerous play with fire and withdraw all their armed forces of aggression from south Korea in accordance with the UN resolution and their pledges.

The US imperialist aggressors must know well that if they persist in their reckless belligerent acts, making a show of "strength", they will be more resolutely rejected and denounced by the world's people. They must think over the consequences that may be entailed by their policy.

The Japanese ruling quarters must refrain from offering the land of Japan as a base for US forces' aggression on Korea and must no longer persist in the manoeuvres to keep the US imperialist aggressor troops in south Korea and create "two Koreas".

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique must stop at once the treacherous act of offering south Korea to the US imperialists as their colony and military base and prolonging their remaining days with the backing of outside forces. They must abolish the "Yusin" fascist dictatorship and step down from power as unanimously demanded by the south Korean people.

Peace and security in Korea are directly linked up with peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world.

We are convinced that the socialist countries, non-aligned countries and all other countries which love peace and value justice and the peaceloving organizations and people throughout the world will as ever give active support and encouragement to our people's just struggle to frustrate the reckless military adventure of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, removing tensions in Korea and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR KOREAN REUNIFICATION

Repercussions of DPRK Government Memorandum in Foreign Countries

Solidarity letters and notes came from many countries and statements and writings were issued there in connection with the February 1 memorandum of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea published in denunciation of the domestic and foreign splittists' "two Koreas" plot to keep Korea split for ever.

In its letter sent to our government, the People's Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea expressed full support to and solidarity with the Korean people's just cause for Korea's independent and peaceful reunification and pointed out:

The People's Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea resolutely denounces the "two Koreas" plot of the domestic and foreign splittists aimed at perpetuating the division of Korea.

At the same time, the REG People's Revolutionary Government rejects resolutely and sternly the enemy's "cross recognition argument" and "UN membership argument" and all the moves to keep Korea perpetually dismembered.

The letter demanded that the US troops get out of south Korea.

In its note sent to the Foreign Ministry of our country the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Yemen Arab Republic, proceeding from its principled stand, gave support to Korea's reunification and expressed the conviction that the Korean people will make progress and attain prosperity.

In a joint statement the United People's Party, the Communist Party and the Workers' Federation and the Teachers Association of Bangladesh, the Bangladesh Committee of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, the Peasants Liberation Association, the Women's Liberation Union, the National People's Liberation Union, the Union of Revolutionary Students and other political parties and public organizations trenchantly denounced with surging indignation the splitting acts of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique obstructive to Korea's independent and peaceful reunification and said:

The reunification of Korea is not only the unanimous desire of the entire Korean people but also the desire of the people all over the world who love peace and justice.

Division eventually brought the calamity of war to all the Korean people and now constant tension has been created in the Korean peninsula and, furthermore, in the whole Asian continent.

Exposing the fact that the US imperialists and their stooges are working to legalize the division of Korea through "cross recognition of the north and south of Korea" and through the United Nations, the joint statement noted:

Highly appraising the patient efforts of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, we fully support the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification put forward by the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people President Kim Il Sung and the four-point national salvation proposal advanced at a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of Korea.

From the Pakistan Trade Union Federation, the Pakistan Kissan Committee, the All Pakistan Women's Association and other public organizations of Pakistan and the Polish Committee for Afro-Asian People's Solidarity, letters of solidarity came respectively to their counterparts in our country.

The letters expressed firm solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for national reunification and strongly demanded that the US imperialists immediately carry into practice the resolution on Korea adopted at the 30th session of the UNGA and their aggressive troops withdraw from south Korea at once.

Besides, Vietnamese public organizations issued a joint statement and the Lao Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification and the Malagasy Press Workers' Union published statements respectively.

Meanwhile, commentaries and articles on the government memorandum of our country were carried by many foreign papers such as the Romanian papers "Scinteia" and "Romania Libera", the Bulgarian papers "Rabotnichesko Delo" and "Zemedelsko Zname", the Mongolian paper "Unen", the Polish paper "Trybuna Ludu", the Lao paper "Sieng Pasason" and the Indian papers "Sānhari Parot" and "Dawat".

Miyazaki Prefectural Com. of Japan for Supporting Korea's Reunification Formed

On February 8, the Miyazaki Prefectural Committee for Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea was inaugurated.

The Committee set it as its task to fight for a change in the Japanese government's policy towards Korea, for complete withdrawal of the US troops from Japan and south Korea, for support to the south Korean people in their struggle for democratization of south Korean society, for a probe into the close relations between Japan and south Korea, etc.

The Committee commands active support of the people of all strata in the prefecture as the 41st solidarity organization at prefectural level in Japan.

That day the inaugural meeting elected the representative members of the Committee and its director and adopted relevant documents.

REJECT "TWO KOREAS" PLOT, FULLY SUPPORT KOREANS' JUST CAUSE OF REUNIFICATION

A Colloquy on Human Rights Violations in S. Korea And Koreans' National Unity Held in Paris

A colloquy on the violations of human rights in south Korea and the national unity of the Korean people was held on February 11 in Paris under the sponsorship of the branch of scientists and university men under the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea, according to a report.

The colloquy was attended by Communist Senator of France Andre Aubry, Chairman of the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and Mayor of Antony; Senator and Prof. Philippe Macheffer, Member of the Bureau of the said Action Committee and Member of the Guidance Committee of the Socialist Party of France; historian Robert Opetit, Member of the Action Committee and Member of the Political Bureau of the Progressive Gaullists Union of France; Prof. Robert Charvin, Secretary General of the International Committee of Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights in South Korea and Dean of the Law Faculty of Nice University; Mme. Helene Langevin Joliot-Curie, President of the National Institute of Scientific Research Workers of France; Prof. Jean Suret Canal, Chairman of the France-Korea Friendship Association; Guy Dupre, Secretary General of the National Union of Scientific Research Workers of the French General Confederation of Trade Unions and Secretary General of the Action Committee; Jean Dory, Secretary General of the International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea; Lavigne Pierre, Chairman of the French Association of Democratic Lawyers and Prof. at Paris University No. 1; and other professors, doctors, lecturers and researchers at universities and scientific research institutions, and American and Japanese post-graduates studying at French universities.

Paulette Pierson, lecturer of Brussels University, Belgium, also attended the colloquy.

Andre Aubry made an opening address.

He said that the convocation of the colloquy was of great significance in the light of the present situation surrounding the Korean problem.

He stated:

Today when the war ended in Southeast Asia, the constant and grave danger of conflict is steadily increasing in the Far East owing to a "two Koreas" policy of the US, Japanese and south Korean authorities.

French and world public should direct deep attention to this.

If this situation continues, the Korean people will be divided into two forever, contrary to their will, and a war gravely menacing world peace will break out.

He referred to the dangerous nature of the so-called "cross recognition argument", and "argument on the equilibrium of strength".

The south Korean authorities try to keep the US troops in south Korea and force all south Koreans up to the age of 60, along with the puppet army, to undergo military training.

I believe that the colloquy will bear fine fruit in making the French people give more effective support to the Korean people in their efforts to bring to an end the violations of human rights and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, he stressed in conclusion.

Then reports were made by prominent scientists and university professors of France and Belgium.

In his report under the title "On the Suppression of Human Rights in South Korea", Robert Charvin said:

In attaching the priority to denouncing the violation of human rights and obliteration of democracy in south Korea we are based on the following premises:

The first characteristic of the violation of human rights in south Korea is its shamelessness. The south Korean laws for suppression are fascist and shameless in their nature.

The second characteristic is its being massive suppression. This suppression is most cruel in the world.

The third characteristic is its pronounced inhumane nature.

The fourth characteristic is that its scope is very wide. The suppression is applied to everybody, regardless of political view and religious faith.

The fifth characteristic is that it violates the national character of the Korean people. The suppression of all people demanding reunification, those opposing the present system in south Korea, lays a grave obstacle to the reunification of Korea. This suppression has made the dialogue between the north and the south impossible.

The sixth characteristic of the problem of human rights in south Korea is that it is closely linked with peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

What is important next is who is to blame for the absence of a fair solution of the Korean question, he noted, and went on:

The United States is entirely to blame for the fact that the Korean question including the human rights problem in south Korea has not been solved.

It must discontinue instigating the suppression of human rights and obliteration of democracy in south Korea and give up a "two Koreas" policy.

For this it must, first of all, withdraw its troops stationed in south Korea immediately.

In his report titled "On the History and Development of Korea", Robert Opetit said:

Korean people is an independent people who have defended their national character and preserved their long-standing and peculiar civilisation.

They have the shining traditions of struggle against the imperialist colonial rule.

The history of the revolutionary struggle of the Korean people is a history of the revolutionary activities of President Kim Il Sung.

He said:

The root cause of all the misfortunes in Korea lies in the US occupation of south Korea.

The Korean nation, which has lived as a single nation in the unified territory from the remote ages including the period of the Koryo dynasty, is divided in our era due to the outside interference. This eloquently bespeaks how grave the US responsibility is.

There is not a single foreign troop in the northern half of the DPRK. It is widely known a fact that unless the foreign troops present in south Korea, that is, the US troops, are withdrawn, the Korean question cannot be solved.

Unpardonable is the scheme to fix indefinitely the split of the Korean people who have lived as a single nation in the same territory.

In conclusion the reporter said:

The scheme of the United States and the south Korean authorities to legalize the existence of "two Koreas", bringing forward the so-called "cross recognition argument", is totally contradictory to the spirit of the 1972 North-South Joint Statement. This once again clearly proves that the south Korean authorities have already disowned all the fundamental principles of the joint statement.

In her report under the title "On Division of Korea, Imperialist Manoeuvres, National Unity and Reunification Problem", Paulette Pierson denounced the harebrained "two Koreas" plot of the US.

The US, she said, embroils even the Japanese militarists in it. This is a grave act infringing upon the right to national self-determination of the dignified Korean people.

Referring to the fact that the US is modernizing the south Korean army by equipping it with latest types of weapons under the pretext of troop pullout, she said: This proves that for all its noisy talk about the withdrawal of its troops, it has not given up, in fact, its wild design to keep south Korea as its neo-colony and strategic military base.

Recalling that President Kim Il Sung put forward the three principles and five-point policy for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, she noted:

These days the US, Japanese and south Korean authorities are spreading the so-called "cross recognition theory" as part of their "two Koreas" plot.

The "cross recognition theory" is nothing but a new crafty artifice invented by the US to counter the daily rising international position and prestige of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at present.

The United States must give up the harebrained "two Koreas" policy, withdraw its troops and all its aggressive weapons from south Korea in accordance with the UN resolution and its own pledges and stop interfering in the internal affairs of the Korean people.

The reports were followed by speeches.

The speakers expressed support to the Korean people's struggle for independent, peaceful reunification of the country, bitterly denounced the south Korean authorities for totally obliterating even the elementary democratic freedom and rights and wantonly violating human rights and strongly protested against the United States and Japan encouraging their fascist acts.

In his speech Philippe Macheffer said:

Korea must be reunified into one state without fail. Only then the source of split and war would be eradicated in this region and peace be preserved and consolidated in Asia and the rest of the world.

The three principles and five-point policy for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea advanced by President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are basic principles which must be adhered to for achieving the reunification of Korea.

Philippe Macheffer continued:

Current developments in Korea makes us see that south Korea plays an important military strategic role in the US policy towards this region of the world.

Today more than 42,000 US troops are present there and over 70 military bases and 35,000 US troops in Okinawa take the northern half of the DPRK as their target of attack. Besides, the "Self-defence Forces" of Japan are ready to be hurled into Korea.

In order to realize the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea under these circumstances, the world public must be awakened to this danger.

There can be no excuse or ground whatsoever for the US troops to remain in south Korea; the presence of these troops is a constant source of the danger of war in this region.

In his speech Guy Dupre declared that the permanent division of Korea into two due to the US troops' presence in south Korea would be a constant source of danger of war in Asia and a grave menace to world peace.

Giving his impressions of Panmunjom, he said:

In the north rice-fields stretched up to the Military Demarcation Line, where farmers were engaged in peaceful farming. But, the south was overgrown with wormwood and guns pointed at the north were visible there.

There were only soldiers of the Korean People's Army in the zone north of the MDL. But, in the south only US soldiers could be seen.

This reality clearly shows who instigate the human rights suppression in south Korea and who foster the division of Korea.

It is none other than the US troops illegally occupying south Korea.

What we felt in the whole course of our Korean visit was how great the misfortunes and sufferings of the Korean people caused by the country's division were, Guy Dupre said, and continued:

Now the authorities of the United States, Japan and south Korea talk about "cross recognition" and "simultaneous UN membership" to create "two Koreas", they seek to divide Korea into two permanently like Germany that exists as two states.

There is no commonness between the German and the Korean questions. Therefore, it is foolish to take up the German question in an effort to justify the US foreign policy intended to create "two Koreas", insisting on "cross recognition" and "simultaneous UN membership".

Alain Louis, Director of the International Department of the General Confederation of Trade Unions of Higher Education of France, said that the south Korean authorities are now playing a farce of releasing political prisoners to mislead world public opinion, compelled by international pressure.

He continued:

They, craftily enough, pretend to release the prisoners only to constantly watch them and take them back to jail by stealth.

But, the propaganda of the news agencies of France and other western countries keeps many people in the dark as to this wicked act and beguiles them into believing that the imprisoned democrats have really been set free.

What is urgent at present is to unmask them, I think.

To this end, we should use every means to extensively conduct activities for exposing them.

The colloquy unanimously adopted an appeal to scientists and university men and intellectuals of France. It also adopted a letter to the US President, which demanded the withdrawal of the troops from south Korea, and a letter to the south Korean authorities, which demanded an immediate end to the violations of human rights in south Korea and the prompt release of the detained patriots.

Appeal to French Scientists, University Men And Intellectuals Adopted at Colloquy

An appeal to the French scientists, university men and intellectuals was adopted at the colloquy on the violations of human rights in south Korea and the national unity of the Korean people, which was held in Paris on February 11, according to a report.

The appeal reads:

The participants in the colloquy organized on February 11, 1978, in France on the violations of human rights in south Korea and the national unity of the Korean people

—Denounce the doings of the present south Korean authorities who systematically repress all the manifestations of democratic freedom, violate the most fundamental human rights and resort to worst practices of repression: the police methods, besides the inhumane conditions of detention and tortures, including particularly the abduction from abroad in disregard of the rule of international law. Such repression is directed particularly against all the patriots, youths, students, democrats and religionists, who manifest their aspiration for the reunification of their country and who carry on their activities for denouncing the manoeuvres to perpetuate division.

—Demand the release of all the political prisoners and notably the university men now detained in south Korean prisons.

For the affirmed will of the Korean people to achieve national unity, the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea is possible and rapidly realizable, in spite of the attempts to perpetuate division based on the "two Koreas" policy.

The North-South Joint Statement of July 4, 1972, signed between the north and south of Korea, defined the following basic principles of this reunification:

- **Complete independence, that is, the exclusion of all interference;**
- **Prohibition of recourse to force, that is, respect for the peaceful way;**
- **Realisation of a great national unity, that is, unity transcending the differences between the north and south, the differences existing in the political, economic, cultural and philosophical institutions.**

The American military presence in the south, perpetuated by the "ROK-US Mutual Defence Treaty" constitutes a violation of the first point of the statement and an obstacle to reunification and, besides this, accelerates the arms race in this region of the world with all the risks staking peace.

And, in order to bring an end to more than 30 years of unjustifiable division and contribute to ending the risks of an armed conflict in Asia and the world, the scientists and university men present at this colloquy demand President Carter that, in accordance with his election promises, the US armed forces should be withdrawn in the shortest possible time and the legislation on the aid to the foreign countries which do not respect human rights be applied.

The participants in the colloquy address an appeal to their fellow scientists and university men and to all the intellectuals to aid in the development of a large information on the realities of Korea for the attainment of the objectives mentioned above.

Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement

The entire Party members and working people of our country are now launching an allout onward movement to attain earlier than schedule the goal of the new long-term plan worked out by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is in response to the letter of the Central Committee of the Party.

The decisive guarantee for a successful fulfilment of the plan is to carry through the policy of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and forward the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement.

In his New Year Address for this year the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Energetic promotion of the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural—is an invariable policy of our Party in socialist construction, and the decisive guarantee of victory in all work lies precisely in successful conduct of the three revolutions."

The Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement emerged as a result of a sustained in-depth development of the Chollima Workteam Movement. It is a mass movement aimed to hasten the building of socialism and communism. Among the steps taken in this regard is the combining of the remoulding of thinking of the working people with a mass innovation drive in the development of economy and culture through the application of the principle of the speed campaign.

This movement, first of all, promotes socialist construction at top speed by giving full play to revolutionary enthusiasm and creative initiative of the broad masses through the remoulding of their ideology on a communist pattern.

It paves the way for the work to remould all the members of society into revolutionists of a Juche type by deepening the ideological remoulding, so meeting the needs of the times calling for making the Juche idea sweep the whole of society. Thus it will provide new opportunities for the revolution and construction to move on with hurricane speed.

The revolutionist of a Juche type we mean is the man who readily accepts the Juche idea as his unshakable world outlook and willingly dedicates his all for the sake of the great leader.

This movement is designed to make all the members of society revolutionists of a Juche type. To attain this goal the stress is placed on applying a most revolutionary and scientific principle and way of ideological remoulding.

So, ideological education is closely combined with the fulfilment of economic tasks, and it is conducted in various forms and ways suitable to the character of each person, his assigned task and practical conditions. This means ideological education is closely linked with the practical struggle to implement the Party's line and policy, so that fulfilling their tasks may precisely become the course of showing loyalty to the great leader.

And this movement plays an important part in freeing the working people from the remnants of obsolete ideas that still linger in their minds.

In this way it helps speed up the remoulding of ideological consciousness by bringing about a radical turn in all aspects of ideological viewpoint, mode of thinking, attitude towards work, mode of activity and method and style of work.

The movement that calls for intensifying ideological education by applying lightning attack, concentric offensive and finish-one-by-one tactics is the power source providing the energy to accelerate the process of men's ideological transformation and ceaselessly effect miracles and innovations in socialist construction.

With the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement, a mass drive conceived to remould men's ideology, gaining ground, a new revolutionary turn has taken place in the ideological and moral qualities of our working people.

This movement is a powerful driving force of socialist construction also because it brings about a new revolutionary upswing in production and construction by raising still further the technological and cultural level of the working people and pushing ahead with the widespread technological innovation drive.

Through this drive it contributes to rearing all the working people into able socialist builders with a high degree of cultural and technological knowledge and steadily developing science and technology.

In this movement a clear goal and correct ways are set and all possible efforts go into improving the production processes in technological respects.

In all branches and units detailed plans are drawn up to renovate technology with the vigorous advance of the movement. Conscious of being masters of production and technology, workers endeavour to become expert in handling their machines and equipment and push ahead with mechanization and automation of the production processes.

Progress in these respects raises the technological and cultural standards of the working people.

The working people are in a position to enhance these standards through a system of spare-time education such as technological training courses, factory higher special schools and factory colleges.

The movement is a powerful driving force that will accelerate maximum development of socialist and communist construction. This is because it fully applies the principles of the speed campaign, a most revolutionary method in carrying on work and an active form of battle.

The speed campaign is a basic form of battles in socialist construction to carry out all undertakings at top speed. It is a most revolutionary method of work intended to lead the working people in continuous advance and leap forward in revolution and construction, relying on their high political consciousness and creative initiative under the revolutionary banner of self-reliance.

It urges the need to establish a habit whereby one task should be completed at top speed and with increased vigor before going on to others, and this task be fulfilled at the shortest possible time and its quality ensured at the highest level.

The merit of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is in the creation of an exceptionally high speed in economic construction. This is done by stepping up a revolution in ideology to give full play to ardent loyalty and revolutionary zeal of the working people and enhancing their technological and cultural standards and by raising the leadership personnel's functions with regard to the organization of the economy.

It has the further advantage that it meets the essential needs of the Chongsan-ri spirit and the Chongsan-ri method and the Taean work system and it helps economic work in respect to organization and guidance to be carried on in conformity with the present development.

This movement is a mass innovation movement in that all the forces are set in motion in the fulfilment of the revolutionary tasks with an active participation of administrative and economic establishments and working people's organizations under the guidance of the Party organizations of the relevant units.

All this is a convincing testimony to the fact that the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement is a mass drive to push ahead with the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and accelerate socialist construction at an extraordinary speed.

Sung Li Sun

News in Brief

Rated Capacity 15 Times

The blooming mill in the Kangson Steel Complex is a proud symbol of the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance of our people.

In the first period of the Five-Year Plan, the situation of our country was very difficult. But at that time, the workers of Kangson succeeded in producing 120,000 tons of steel billets at a blooming mill with a rated capacity of 60,000 tons, so justifying the great leader's words that another 10,000 tons of structural steel would help relieve the country's shortage.

The demand of the revolution and the intention of the Party should be their norm and rated capacity—with this quality the workers there fully displayed the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and made technical innovations one after another. They lengthened the expected life span of rollers and metals several times and cut several steel materials at a time, thus raising the efficiency of the machine.

Later, too, the rolling workers there made every possible effort to increase the production capacity of the blooming mill, so as to bring to realization the lofty intention of the great leader.

The production capacity of this blooming mill grew continuously during the Seven-Year Plan period when the socialist industrialization was completed. And it keeps increasing even today when we are carrying on three major tasks of the technical revolution after fulfilling the task of industrialization. Mechanization, automation and telemechanics have now been introduced in all its processes.

As a result, the capacity of the blooming mill which was only 60,000 tons 20 years ago has now reached the level of 900,000 tons.

Freight Turnover Jumps by More Than 30,000 Tons

The workers under the Ministry of Railways increased the average daily freight turnover by more than 30,000 tons above that in January, with the turnround time of freight cars curtailed by 0.35 day compared with the same period of last year.

The transport workers are putting into full operation the Party's policy of three transport methods—centralized transport, combined communication and container transport—set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. They have launched again a "200-day fight for a revolution in transport".

The workers under the Pyongyang Railway Administration now carry daily above 4,500 more tons of coal on an average than the daily average of January.

The daily freight turnover at the Hamhung Railway Administration is more than 9,200 tons above the daily average of January.

Successes in Revolution in Using Underground Water

The agricultural workers and helpers all over the country have registered many successes in their energetic work for the revolution in using underground water. They have turned out in a struggle to complete irrigation projects for watering 150,000 *chongbo* (hectare) of non-paddy fields by the end of April this year.

Over the past 50 days more than 25,800 wells and over 2,400 water pockets were dug and pipes driven at more than 2,600 spots.

Remarkable achievements have been attained in carrying out the five-point policy of nature remaking and the original policy for the revolution in using underground water put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Many new reservoirs and water pumping stations have been built, more than 84,900 wells and water pockets dug and 6,200 pipes driven all over the country to expand the area of non-paddy fields under irrigation by 200,000 *chongbo* in a little more than one year.

Blooming mill in the Kangson Steel Plant

KOREA: SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY IS GIVEN FULL SCOPE

Since the genesis of democracy in human history, it has been viewed and interpreted in different lights. And there has existed various forms of state activity in carrying it into effect.

We can cite a variety of democracy including ancient Greek "demokratia" for the sake of the minority "freemen" and "liberal democracy" vaunted by the imperialists and their stooges at the present times.

But all these are, pure and simple, a camouflage garnished with the term "democracy" in the form of state activity to defend the interests of a handful of the exploiting classes.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Genuine democracy can be materialized only in socialist society where the working masses are the masters of the state and society."

Through their experience in life our people feel high national pride and honour when they say that only our socialist democracy provided by the great leader is a genuine democracy which guarantees real freedom and rights for the masses of the working people and ensures a rich and civilized life for them.

Genuine Political Liberty And Rights

The democracy in our country is the basic mode of state activity serving the masses of the working people.

All the policies of the state are carried out in conformity with the will and interests of the working people and in the service of their well-being and all the wealth in society are used for the promotion of their welfare.

In our country the working masses are regarded as the most precious being and their personality and rights are respected to the fullest extent.

Particularly, the rising generation are held dearer than anyone else and every care is shown for them so that they may grow happily without knowing all social evils as are rife in the exploiting society.

All our working people have the right to elect and to be elected, irrespective of sex, occupation, property status, education, political views and religious beliefs and participate extensively in the exercise of power through the organs of people's power at all levels including the Supreme People's Assembly.

Along with this, they fully enjoy the liberty and rights of all social and political activities such as speech, the press, assembly and demonstration.

The social and political freedom and rights of our people are provided equally to every one of them and are expanded continually with the consolidation and development of the country.

Our people who had been kept in bondage having no right at all in the exploiting society in the past directly take part in the state affairs and state management as the master of power and the means of production and freely conduct social and political activities, embraced in political parties and social organizations.

Indeed, our people have wide political rights and freedom and so they are afforded a firm earnest to defend and secure their independence as the master of society and make everything in society serve in keeping with their will and interests.

Bountiful and Cultured Life

The working people of our country are ensured the right to work and rest by the state.

The state gives jobs to all according to their ability and aptitude when they reach working age and payment is given according to the quantity and quality of work done. And all the working people are given eight-hour workday, paid leave and accommodation at health resorts and holiday homes and special benefits go to the working mothers. The state takes responsibilities even for the life of the disabled, the old and the young who have none to depend upon.

In our country all people are provided with every condition by the state with regard to the food, clothing and housing problems.

The state purchases grain from farmers at high price and supplies it to the workers and office employees and their dependants at a price next to nil, that is, at a price hard to cover the transport expenses and it issues school uniforms to all the children and students at different seasons of the year, and many houses are built not only for the workers and office employees but for the farmers with enormous state investments in towns and villages every year.

All the working people in our country are also given every opportunity to be taught and developed.

The state introduced the universal compulsory education, the universal free education, the educational system of studying while on the job and the system of nursing and educating children at state and public expense. Thanks to the establishment of these educational systems all the people including workers and farmers as well as the rising generation study without exception.

And the state is entirely responsible for providing all conditions for education—training of teachers, building of schools and other educational establishments, preparation of teaching materials and school furnishings and setting up of establishments for social education.

Thus the new generation and all other members of our society including those adults who were denied the right of learning in the exploiter society and left far behind modern civilization study and develop in accordance with their desire and talents and get themselves ready as reliable pillars of the country.

In our country the state bears full responsibility for protecting the lives of the working people and promoting their health and grants them immense benefits.

By virtue of the system of the universal and complete free medical service established in our country all the working people enjoy all forms of gratuitous medical care such as outpatient treatment, inpatient treatment and recuperation at sanatoria and the state is wholly charged with the expenses such as fees for medical advice, doctor's fees, charges for medicines, fees for patients' meals during their treatment in hospitals and even the travelling expenses to and from sanatoria.

According to the prophylactic line of the Party a colossal sum of state funds are annually allotted to the work of checking up on the health of the working people and preventing diseases.

Nowadays the death rate of the population of our country dropped to one-fourth as against the pre-liberation years and the average life span of the people reached 73 years: 70 for male and 76 for female, almost twice that in the period of Japanese imperialist rule.

All the social and political rights and the material and cultural welfare our people enjoy today are not only ensured by law under the Socialist Constitution of our country, but also firmly guaranteed by our advanced socialist system and powerful independent national economy.

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Through their actual life our people are firmly convinced that only the socialist democracy established by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a genuine democracy and they regard it as the highest glory and happiness to make the revolution under his able guidance.

For this reason, our people, with infinite devotion to the great leader, united steel-strong around him and respecting each other and closely cooperating with each other, are doing everything in their power to resolutely defend their socialist system and socialist fatherland where socialist democracy is effected in full and to strengthen and develop them constantly.

Kim Yun Sik

Workers and farmers who were subjected to maltreatment and humiliation in pre-liberation days and their sons and daughters are now elected to the organs of power of all levels and take an active part in state administration. Here we see turning lathe operator Li Yong Sik, Deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly (second from right)

Women Enjoy a Worthy Life

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"...our women, as proud masters of the country...are now making an active contribution to the revolutionary struggle and constructive work."

Thanks to socialist democracy, genuine democracy now in force in our country, women are legally accorded equal rights with men in all spheres of social life—politics, economy, culture, etc.

Women who have reached the age of 17 have also the right to elect and be elected without exception. Our women enjoy the right to study and the right to work. Working women receive equal pay for equal work with men. Mothers with babies and those who have more than three children are granted greater benefits from the state.

The state not only guarantees the rights of women by law but also ensures all conditions so that they may feel no difficulty in taking part in social life while bringing up their children and managing their domestic affairs.

Well-furnished nurseries and kindergartens and public service establishments including rice-cookery and laundry are to be found everywhere.

All these ensure conditions that will provide opportunity for activities in all spheres of social life for our women.

Of the deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, the highest organ of state power in our country, women account for 20.8 per cent. Of the deputies to the local organs of state power of all levels, 7,063 are women.

Besides, many women hold important posts of Party and state organs and take part in state management. A large number of women are directing co-operative farms and factories and other enterprises.

Many women are professors, doctors, People's Artistes, and People's Sportsmen commanding the respect and love of the people. 245,839 women are engineers, assistant engineers and specialists. They work heart and soul for the prosperity and development of the country at all posts of revolution and construction.

In our country women account for 48 per cent in the manpower composition of the national economy. Proportion of women in light industry, agriculture, education, public health and trade is still greater than this.

Such a radical change in the position of our women is hardly thinkable apart from the sagacious leadership of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung and his constant solicitude. He surrounds their lives with warm love, bringing them up to be proud workers.

Here we take Chong Chun Sil as an example.

It happened when she was working as a salesgirl of a shop in an out-of-the-way village in the northern region far from the capital at the age of 16. One day her village was honoured with the visit of the respected and beloved leader. When he dropped in at her shop he found her doing a worthwhile thing for the people and highly praised her work. When he was told she made an innovation in her service for the people as instructed by him, he, speaking highly of the successes in her work, put his great political trust in her and showed profound solicitude for her. Later, too, he paid much attention to her work and life. Thus Chong, once a nameless salesgirl in a mountain village, grew into a Labour Heroine, a deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly and is working as a leading worker of a trading establishment in a county. She has several children, but the state ensures her every condition for social activity.

Such a thing is not confined to her alone. In our country there are many Chong Chun Sils.

Today Korean women live happily and proudly with the high sense of honour and pride in making revolution under the sagacious leadership of the great leader.

Kim In Ok

Women are also masters of the country and production. This photo was taken at the Pyongyang Silk Mill

Woman Scientist

Kim Dal Won

Fourteen years ago authoritative veteran doctors and professors gathered in a room of the Academy of Sciences and examined a scientific paper for a degree of master of science presented by a woman scientist. The author of the paper was a young woman in her thirties.

Her paper "Studies on the Introduction of Production Processes of Semi-conductor Materials Based on Domestic Raw Materials" stirred up the scholars who had long been engaged in scientific research work. Why? It was because the young woman scientist showed in her paper a main point for the solution of the problem of swiftly developing our semi-conductor industry which was still in the initial stage at that time.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"In the field of scientific research, Juche will be thoroughly established in scientific research work and efforts concentrated on the settlement of pressing scientific and technical problems arising in socialist construction."

In response to this teaching, she had conducted her research work on the basis of the Juche-based methodology.

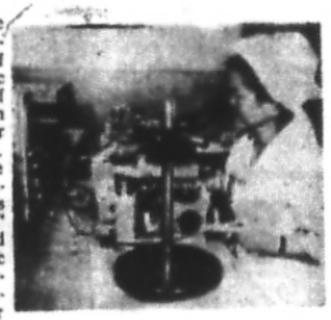
For unshakable stand of Juche running through it, well-regulated scientific data, logical analysis, importance of its realistic significance and the range and depth of the studies envisaging not only the way of solving the realistic problems but also the way of carrying out the prospective tasks, her paper was accorded a favourable reception of the examiners.

The author of the paper was Kim Dal Won. She is now master of electronics and associate professor and is active as the dean of the semi-conductor faculty and the chief of the semi-conductor research room of Kim Chaek Politechnical College and as a member of the academic degree examination committee in the sphere of electronics under the Academy of Sciences.

She is one of the early graduates of Kim Il Sung University, a people's university set up for the first time in our country.

She was born into the family of a poor railway worker before liberation. After liberation the door of learning was wide open in the new homeland regained by the great leader. At that time, she felt as if she were able to pluck a star from the sky. Filled with a great hope of youthful days, she made up her mind to specialize in chemistry. She was fascinated by the chemical world with innumerable secrets. Moreover, our country is abundant in various natural resources and is called the sample room of mineral ores.

In the early days of the building of a new homeland, the great leader put forward the line of building an independent national economy.



She studied hard, with an adamant resolve to do her bit for the work desired by the great leader, upholding his Juche idea.

Since she set about scientific research work, she established the Juche-based world outlook in her work and grew as a scientist of new generation. For her, the sphere of semi-conductor research, unfamiliar as it was, was a living stage where she could realize her cherished desire to the full.

Our semi-conductor industry has now advanced so farther that it can hardly be compared with what it was at the time when she made public her scientific paper. It now continues its vigorous advance in keeping with the trend of the development of world science.

With the further intensification of the lofty revolutionary work initiated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the work of freeing our people from difficult and arduous labour forever, demand for electronic elements urgently needed in the comprehensive mechanization and automation of the national economy is growing rapidly and the semi-conductor industry is also developing in quick tempo in conformity with it.

Kim Dal Won, leading a big research group, is attaining fresh successes in her research work to further increase the variety and improve the quality of electronic elements and integral circuits. She frequently goes down to factories and enterprises and helps to solve knotty scientific and technical problems.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung paid deep attention to the work and life of Kim Dal Won and showed profound solicitude for her so that she could further develop as a scientist.

To be conducive to the acceleration of Juche orientation, modernization and scientification of our national economy, she is now devoting all her wisdoms and energies to the research work to carry out the task set before the scientists.

Yun Jong Ok

Pyongyang Report Meeting Observes 59th Anniv. of Mar. 1 Popular Uprising

Smash the "two Koreas" plot of the domestic and foreign splittists and accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of the country with the united strength of the whole nation—this was the keynote of the report made at a Pyongyang meeting commemorating the 59th anniversary of the March 1 Popular Uprising held at the Moranbong Theatre on February 28.

In her report Ho Jong Suk, Director of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland, said:

The uprising that broke out on March 1, 1919, was a nation-wide anti-Japanese struggle of all the patriotic Korean people—workers and peasants, intellectuals and students, men and women, young and old—irrespective of idea and ideal, political view and religion.

Referring to the lesson of the uprising to the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle of the Korean people, the reporter continued:

This uprising clearly showed that if the masses of the people, the subject of history, wanted to victoriously advance the revolution, firmly standing at the centre of all social movements, they should wage a well organized struggle under the leadership of an outstanding leader, and that they could never achieve liberation and independence of the country or the sovereignty of the nation by relying on outside forces.

In the grim days when our revolution was undergoing twists and turns, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung led the protracted and arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle to a victory at the head of the Korean revolution and restored the sovereignty of the nation lost at the hands of the Japanese imperialists and won the independence of the country, she stressed.

Recalling that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has led our revolution and construction along a straight road of victory, the reporter went on:

Nearly 60 years have passed since the uprising broke out and over 30 years since Japanese imperialism was defeated. But we have not yet achieved the national sovereignty on the nation-wide scale and the south Korean people have not yet got rid of disgraceful colonial slavery.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic have advanced most justifiable and rational policies and proposals for achieving the reunification of the country independently on democratic principles in a peaceful way and made every sincere effort for their realization.

The three principles and five-point policy of national reunification put forward by the great leader indicate the most straight path of the solution of the reunification question, she said.

It is the manoeuvres of the flunkeyist treacherous forces of south Korea and the US imperialists backing them to perpetuate the split of the nation that bar the reunification of our country, she remarked, and bitterly denounced the "two Koreas" plot of the domestic and foreign splittists.

She further said:

Korea is one and she belongs to the Koreans. There is no reason or ground for our country to be divided into two. It must be reunified and developed as one state.

The US ruling circles should look straight into today's reality and renounce their "two Koreas" plot. They must immediately and completely withdraw from south Korea, taking along all troops and mass destruction weapons including nuclear weapons, in accordance with the UN resolution and their own pledges and take hands off Korea.

The Japanese reactionaries should discontinue at once the hostile acts obstructing the reunification of our country, dancing to the tune of the US imperialists in the "two Koreas" scheme and stop their reinvasion of south Korea.

She ardently called upon the south Korean political parties and public organizations and workers, peasants, students, intellectuals, believers and people of all other strata to unite close and courageously rise in a nation-wide struggle to frustrate the "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without, remove the danger of a new war, overthrow the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

OPEN LETTER of ILC for Korea's Independent, Peaceful Reunification

The International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea on February 21 sent an open letter to the governments of different countries, international organizations and Korean reunification-support bodies in connection with the lapse of one year since the World Conference for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea held in Brussels, according to a report.

The letter noted that one year has passed since the World Conference for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea which was convened to oppose the division of Korea and condemn the human rights violations in south Korea. The International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea was inaugurated in accordance with the decision of the World Conference, said the letter.

Now, it said, the ILC is striving to strengthen its ties with the Korea's independent and peaceful reunification-support national committees and build new forces in favour of Korean reunification in various countries.

The historical significance of the Brussels World Conference lies in that the representatives of the governments and organizations of various countries and international organizations gathered to manifest their common stand with regard to Korea's reunification and that they helped the democratic forces get better knowledge of the Korean question remaining unsolved for more than 30 years.

The Conference also contributed to building a foundation for pushing the support-Korea's reunification movement forward on a world-wide scale.

It proposed the convocation of the Second World Conference with a view to improving solidarity with the Korean people.

The projected Conference scheduled in Tokyo in autumn this year will be a practical extension of the Brussels Conference.

The Tokyo Conference would be a more powerful conference since it would involve the representatives of all countries and international organizations.

Expressing thanks to the Japanese friends for their great efforts directed to the preparation of this Conference, we call upon all the national committees to join them.

Expressing the belief that the governments of all countries which treasure peace and national independence would give effective assistance in the preparation of this world-wide Conference and its success, the letter appealed to the national committees to bend great efforts for the success of the Conference.

Strongly Condemn US Imperialists-Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique's War Game

DPRK FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ISSUES STATEMENT

The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea published a statement on March 6 in connection with the fact that a grave situation threatening peace in Korea has been created by the reckless war clamour of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique.

The statement reads:

The United States plans to stage in south Korea from March 7 a "joint south Korea-US war exercise" of largest-scale ever since the Korean war by mobilizing huge armed forces over 100,000 strong comprising US ground, naval and air forces and marines and south Korean puppet army.

This war game to be staged by the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique will not only increase tension and lead the situation to the brink of war in Korea, but menace peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people strongly denounce the reckless war exercise of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, regarding it as a grave violation of peace and security in Korea and Asia and a high-handed challenge to the entire Korean people and the world's peaceloving people who desire the peaceful reunification of Korea.

Why are the United States and south Korean authorities raising a row of powder-reeking war exercise and inciting the war fever when the Korean people and all the peaceloving people of the world ardently hope that a durable peace will be achieved in Korea and her peaceful reunification realized at an early date?

It is intended to threaten the Korean people with "strength" and, furthermore, obstruct the reunification of Korea and start a new war of aggression.

It is also aimed at giving "strength" to the south Korean puppet clique which is utterly isolated from and rejected by the people, and letting them maintain the military fascist rule in south Korea and, at the same time, driving them into war adventures against the northern half of our Republic.

With such criminal scheme, the United States clearly disclosed once again its intention to oppose peace in Korea and her peaceful reunification at any cost and permanently occupy south Korea.

The United States promised to withdraw its troops from south Korea, under the pressure of the strong demand made by the Korean people and world's peaceloving people. But, in actuality, it is massing more aggressive armed forces in south Korea than ever before and pushing forward the preparations for a new war behind the curtain of "troop pullout".

The main factor in aggravating tension in Korea and throwing obstacles in the way of the peaceful reunification of Korea is the occupation of south Korea by US troops.

Withdrawing US troops from south Korea is an urgent demand of the times and the general claim of the Korean people and the world's peaceloving people.

The United States must stop at once the reckless war clamour, taking a sane look at the trend of the times, and withdraw its aggression forces from south Korea in accordance with the UN resolution and its own pledge.

If the US attempts to frighten the Korean people or get something with the threat of "strength", it is a foolish act.

The Korean people have once experienced the threat of the US "strength", namely in the "Pueblo incident", the "EC-121 incident" and the "Panmunjom incident".

They have never tolerated nor will tolerate any threat of "strength".

The south Korean authorities must discontinue immediately their treacherous acts intended to realise their long-term office under the patronage of foreign forces by selling the country and the nation.

Japan is, in fact, taking an active part in the war clamour of the United States and the south Korean authorities by offering her territory as a US military base for Korean aggression.

The Japanese ruling quarters must desist from the criminal act of offering their territory as a starting base, logistic base and offensive base of the US forces for Korean aggression sacrificing the interests of the peoples of Korea and Japan and the cause of the world peace.

Now that peace in Korea and Asia is gravely menaced by the dangerous war clamour of the US and south Korean authorities, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people call upon the governments and peoples of the socialist countries, the nonaligned countries and all other countries which love justice and treasure peace to strongly denounce the criminal war clamour raised by the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique and lift a louder voice demanding the withdrawal of US troops from south Korea.

The United States and the south Korean authorities must stop off-hand the reckless war clamour which might lead to a new war in Korea.

If the United States and the south Korean authorities persist in the dangerous war adventures in defiance of the repeated warnings of the government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, they will be held wholly responsible for the consequences arising from them.

War Exercise On a Full Scale

The US imperialists, in disregard of the strong protest and denunciation of the Korean people and the world's peaceloving people, started the "joint south Korea-US military exercise" in south Korea on March 7.

According to reports from Seoul, on orders of action on the early morning of that day the infantry and armoured units of the US forces and the puppet army started moving towards the "operational areas" situated between Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone. The naval forces moved to the East Sea after having conducted a mine-sweeping exercise and an anti-submarine exercise on the South Sea, and the air forces, too, started operation.

Now the whole territory of the southern half of our country has turned into a field of war thickly enveloped in gunpowder smoke and the situation in Korea has become tense as never before.

Raving that the war exercise based on the "plan of emergency mobilization" is the "largest three-dimensional exercise" ever since the Korean War, the US imperialists called out huge armed forces over 100,000 strong, the sophisticated lethal weapons and operational equipment.

According to reports, involved in the current war exercise are a Lance missile unit from Oklahoma State, a ground reconnaissance unit from North Carolina State, the 142nd reconnaissance unit from Utah State in the US mainland and the 25th US infantry division from Hawaii, in addition to the main units of the US imperialist aggressor troops stationed in south Korea and of the puppet army. Participating in it are 16 vessels including the aircraft carriers "Midway" and "Kitty Hawk" belonging to the US 7th Fleet, the helicopter carrier "Tripoli". From the US marine corps are the amphibious units of the Okinawa-based 3rd marine division and "F-4" fighters, "A-4", "A-6", "A.V.-8" attacking fighter-bombers and helicopters which belong to the air units of the marine corps in Kadena and Iwaguni. From the US air force are the 18th tactical fighter squadron in Kadena AFB of Okinawa, the 3rd tactical fighter squadron in Clark air base in Philippines, the 475th tactical fighter wing, Yokoda AFB, Japan, the "B-52" strategic bombers based on Guam. The planes mobilized total several hundreds.

In this war exercise the US imperialists are to put into practice the program supposing the northern half of the Republic to be its attacking target through such operations as "ground operation", "landing operation", "bombing exercise", "exercise of dropping heavily armed paratroopers", and "close air support to the ground force".

Along with this, all ground troops are concentrated in the central part of the front and in the area between the DMZ of the western part of the front and Seoul to conduct offensive operations every day. The naval and air forces are supporting the offensive operations of the ground force on the sea and in the air.

What attracts particular attention is the mobilization of the aircraft carrier "Midway" carrying nuclear weapons, "B-52" strategic bombers capable of loading nuclear bombs and Lance missile units equipped with atomic warheads, as well as atom-powered submarines able to discharge nuclear missiles.

This shows that the US imperialists would not hesitate to venture a nuclear war to achieve their aggressive aim in Korea.

While raving out the reckless war clamour the US imperialists are making bombastic statements to threaten us.

Recently the commander-in-chief of the US imperialist aggression troops in south Korea prattled that in case of a war in Korea it will be "inevitable for the US ground force to participate in it on a full scale". Prior to this, the US Defence Secretary uttered that in case of emergency the US marine corps based in Okinawa would "join in a Korean war". The commander of the first battalion, 21st regiment, 25th infantry division, US army, called the descendant of the "Smith Commando" which was perished in the past Korean War spoke that he would perform the greatest exploit in the coming military exercise.

The provocative war exercise which makes the situation acute is an open challenge to our people and the world's peace-loving people calling for peace and peaceful reunification in Korea.

The current war game bespeaks that the US imperialists are reinforcing the aggressive forces behind the curtain of "troop withdrawal" and hastening the preparation for another war.

The US imperialists will get nothing from their reckless war move, and it will only hasten their self-destruction. This they must know.

Li Yong Chol

STOP WAR RACKETS

The World Declares

Challenge to Peace

On March 3 Tass made public an article denouncing a large-scale war exercise by the United States.

It pointed out that the US announced its readiness to "withdraw the US ground force" from south Korea but not a single GI left south Korea and, instead, US weapons and combat equipment are being shipped into south Korea continuously. And it declared that the "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" is a link of the manoeuvres for increasing the military potentiality of south Korea.

On February 23 the Vice-Chairman and other representatives of the Japan Peace Committee visited the US embassy in Japan, and stated that the "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" was a large-scale "military exercise" simulating a nuclear war in Korea. They thrust in a written protest strongly demanding that the exercise be given up.

On March 3 a wayside propaganda was conducted in front of the Shibuya railway station of Tokyo against the "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" under the auspices of the Japan Peace Committee, the Japan-Korea Association, the Japan Council against Atomic Bombs, the Japan Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity.

The speakers on the propaganda van declared that the exercise was an unpardonable challenge obstructing the reunification of the country, the desire of the Korean people, and menacing the peace in Japan and Asia, and they strongly demanded its cessation.

The March 4 issue of the Czechosiovak paper "Rude Pravo" said that the war exercise now under way in south Korea shows that the United States acts hypocritically. It stressed:

The reduction of the military power in the Korean peninsula is a mere artifice aimed at a seeming effect; it is completely contradictory to the actual action. This is an old trick of the US government.

The Secretary-General of the Japan National Executive Committee against the "Security Pact" and for Defence of Peace and Democracy denounced that the large-scale military exercise and the reinforcement of the US military bases in Japan show the dangerous US policy to further aggravate international tension in that region and strengthen the "triangular military alliance" of the US, Japan and south Korea.

Japanese people oppose the docking of US nuclear-powered aircraft carrier at their ports

Japan's Involvement In War Exercise

Recently, a meeting opposing and denouncing the scheme for US-Japan-south Korea military integration and the "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" was held in Yamato, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, under the auspices of the Japan Socialist Party and the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan.

The meeting participated in by more than 1,000 people of all strata adopted a relevant resolution.

A mass rally of democratic public circles took place in Yokosuka, Japan, on March 2 with the attendance of over 5,000 people.

The attendants expressed protest against the strengthening of the "Japan-US military alliance" and called upon all the peace-loving forces of Japan to rebuff the dangerous plan of the US and Japanese warlords, have the "Security Pact" repealed and to have all the US military bases in Japan dismantled.

The Soviet paper "Pravda" said in a commentary that the US military bases in Japan serve as an advance base and bridgehead.

It stressed that facts show with clarity that groundless is the assertion of the Japanese government that the US military circles will not conduct any act enmeshing Japan in military conflicts and combat operation without her consent.

Japan Press pointed out on March 3:

Japan has virtually partaken in the war exercise by leaving the whole land of Japan to the US army as its "sortie base", "operation and supply base" and "attack base" for aggression against Korea.

Jackal's Bravado

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, hanging on the sleeves of their masters, are making much ado about confrontation and war, thus further aggravating the situation. They are now staging a "south Korea-US joint operation exercise", the "largest" ever in its scale since the Korean ceasefire, by introducing huge military force, aircraft and vessels of the US imperialist aggression army. In this dangerous military exercise they are putting up the south Korean puppet army on the forefront as a "shock force" and as a cannon fodder.

This notwithstanding, the puppets bluster through the government-patronized propaganda media that the scheduled military exercise is designed for the "prior examination" to ship into south Korea the aggressive armed forces of the United States immediately in case of war and that it would serve as a "warning" to someone.

Developments in south Korea clearly show what a dangerous stage the war hysteria of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique has reached today.

The frenzied military exercise is being conducted at a time when the removal of tension in Korea and maintenance and consolidation of peace in Korea stand out as an urgent demand of the times as never before. Such a thing can be done only by the despicable traitors who try to seek a way out by means of war adventure on the strength of the imperialist masters.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are colling up tensions through powder-reeking war manoeuvres. On the other hand, they are trying their hardest to repress the daily-mounting sentiments of the south Korean people against fascism and for democracy and national reunification and freeze division in an attempt to stay in power for a long time under the aegis of outside forces.

To achieve their criminal purpose, they are further intensifying fascist suppression of the people in step with the current war exercise.

With the so-called "presidential election" approaching, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are arresting and imprisoning people at random, threateningly saying that they will "not allow" any students' movement and they will severely deal with the acts of violating the "laws" and "orders". After having arrested the democrats who issued the "March first declaration for democracy" they put under house arrest the ex-"president" Yun Bo Son and 27 personages and are punishing almost every day patriotic people and students through the "political trial".

These reckless war machinations and fascist repression are evoking greater indignation and resistance among the south Korean people and the condemnation of the world public opinion.

People are now calling for peace, not war, and demand that an end be put to the country's division with the united efforts of the north and the south and reunification be thus achieved.

No matter what a desperate effort they may resort to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are trying to maintain their remaining days by the bayonets of outside forces cannot save themselves from doom.

Li Jip

"SOUTH KOREA-US JOINT OPERATION EXERCISE" AND OKINAWA

Today the US military base in Okinawa, Japan, has been further solidified so as to promptly dispatch US troops to Korea in the event of a war.

The commander of the US marine corps stationed in Okinawa blared that the US forces in Okinawa would "serve as a deterrent force against north Korea" after the "withdrawal" of the US ground force from south Korea. In his recent testimony at Congress, US Defence Secretary Brown croaked that if a war breaks out in Korea "the 3:d US marine division present in Okinawa will be thrown on the very day".

Jiji, a Japanese news agency, said that the Okinawa base is further reinforced with its sight set on the Korean peninsula.

Concentrated in Okinawa which has become an "important point of the Asian strategy" of the United States are more than half of the US bases and two-thirds of the US armed forces in Japan. Deployed on this island are the US marine corps called a shock troop in aggression and intervention against other countries; the 18th tactical fighter squadron which allegedly takes charge of 50 per cent of the striking power of the US air force in the Far East; the logistics and supply, information and stratagem units; and the special unit dealing with nuclear weapons, and other large armed forces.

The US troops in Okinawa are conducting intensive exercises to get more fully ready for action to immediately cope with any "emergency" in the Korean peninsula.

With the "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" approaching, the US marine corps on February 2. staged a "long-distance ball firing exercise" with 155 mm howitzers on this island in spite of the strong opposition of the islanders. Military experts of Japan said that in this exercise the Korean peninsula is regarded as an imaginary war theatre and the Japanese paper "Asahi Shimbun" described it as the one for "putting the finishing touches to their preparation of a large-scale military exercise scheduled for March in south Korea".

Okinawa-based US marine corps are conducting a landing operation exercise and a coastal operation exercise in the Philippines together with the naval troops of the 7th Fleet in a simulated atmosphere of a Korean war.

And the US troops in Okinawa are staging a joint exercise respectively with the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" and the south Korean puppet army.

The "south Korea-US joint operation exercise" which started on March 7 with the mobilization of the south Korean puppet army, the US troops in south Korea and large armed troops consisting of the US ground, naval and air forces and marine corps in the US mainland and the Pacific zone aims at comprehensively examining the exercises of troops of all arms, completing combat operational action and increasing the war capacity against our Republic.

Like this, Okinawa has been further reduced to a sortie base and an operation and supply base for aggressive war of US imperialism in Korea.

The criminal war preparations of the United States are threatening the peace in Asia and the rest of the world and laying a grave obstacle in the way of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

The United States must discontinue its reckless acts against the Korean people and completely quit south Korea and Okinawa, taking along all its troops and nuclear weapons.

Li Chang Gyu

15th Anniv. of Victorious Syrian Revolution

Fifteen years have passed since the Syrian revolution came off victorious.

Victory of revolution on March 8, 1963 opened up a broader avenue for the building of a new society and a new life before the Syrian people.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has noted:

"Following victory in the revolution, the Syrian people have waged a vigorous struggle under the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party to shatter the aggressive machinations of the imperialists and Zionists, defend national sovereignty and dignity and build a new society."

After victorious revolution the Syrian people have advanced along the road of victory under the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party.

The Syrian government and people foiled ever-intensified aggressive schemes of the imperialists and Zionists and defended national dignity and sovereignty and expedited economic construction, thereby increasing the country's wealth and laying the solid foundation for building a new society.

Today, too, the Syrian people are unfolding a dynamic struggle to carry out the 5-Year Plan for Economic Development, while consolidating the successes they have already achieved.

The workers in the domain of the oil industry are resolved to produce 30 million tons of crude oil in the coming few years and the workers in the field of textile industry are striving to double the output of textile goods by 1980, the closing year of the Five-Year Plan.

Successes have also been attained in the machine-building industry. The workers of the Aleppo Tractor Plant set themselves the target of turning out 12,000 tractors in 1980.

The agricultural workers are pushing ahead with irrigation projects, introducing advanced farming methods and taking a series of other measures to prevent the damage caused by the freaky weather sweeping the world and boost production. On the other hand, they are stepping up mechanization of agriculture.

The Syrian government and people are putting up an energetic struggle to firmly defend their revolutionary gains, take back the occupied Arab land and promote the common interests of Arab and progressive people of the world.

Our people extend warm congratulations to the Syrian people who greet the memorable 15th anniversary of the victory of the revolution at a time when they are scoring great successes under the correct leadership of President Hafez al-Assad.

Today the friendly and cooperative relations between the Korean and Syrian peoples are becoming closer as the days go by.

Our people invariably support the Syrian people's struggle against imperialism and Zionism and for territorial integrity and the country's independent development.

We Korean people, together with the Syrian people, our comrades-in-arms and brothers, will fight on vigorously to realize the common cause with the uplifted revolutionary banner of anti-imperialist struggle.

Yun Hae Ik

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

★ An agreement on air transport between the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma was signed in Rangoon on February 20.

★ An agreement on air transport between the governments of the DPRK and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was signed in Pyongyang on March 3.

★ A photo exhibition opened on March 2 at the Taedongmun Cinema House under the sponsorship of the DPRK Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries on the occasion of the centenary of the liberation of Bulgaria from the yoke of the Ottoman Empire.

After the opening ceremony the assemblage saw pictures showing the struggle of the Bulgarian people against the foreign occupationists and their successes in socialist construction.

A photo exhibition held to mark the centenary of the liberation of Bulgaria from the Ottoman Empire

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